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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

USUN FOR AMB MOYNIHAN

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, SHUM, PFOR, MX
SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION: POSITION OF MEXICO

1. FONMIN RABASA SENT FOR ME URGENTLY TO SPEAK ON BELIZE (REPORTED SEPARATELY) AND THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION.
2. HE TOLD ME OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND SAID THAT FIRM INSTRUCTIONS HAD NOW GONE OUT TO AMB GARCIA ROBLES TO VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION UNTIL 31ST UNGA.
3. RABASA STRESSED THAT MEXICAN FLEXIBILITY ON THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN RESTRICTED BY FACT THAT USG HAD NOT ONLY SENT A NOTE ON THIS MATTER BUT HAD LET THIS FACT BE MADE KNOWN PUBLICLY. HE CONSIDERED THIS NOT ONLY "BAD FORM" DIPLOMATICALLY BUT THAT IT HAD MADE HIS OWN ROLE IN URGING RECONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE MORE DIFFICULT AS IT APPEARED THAT MEXICO WAS
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BOWING TO U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN PRESSURES. HE THUS URGED

GREAT DISCRETION ON OUR PART.

4. REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE HE SAID MATTER WAS AN EMOTIONALLY AGONIZING ONE FOR HIM PERSONALLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT HIS OWN MOTHER WAS JEWISH. THE ORIGINAL MEXICAN VOTE DURING THE WCIWY HAD BEEN TAKEN AGAINST HIS RECOMMENDATION AS HE HAD DESIRED ABSTENTION OR A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THAT PARAGRAPH OF WCIWY DECLARATION WHICH REFERRED TO ZIONISM, BUT DECISION HAD BEEN MADE BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HIMSELF IN VIEW OF FACT THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE ON TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND ARAB NATIONS WERE ALREADY ANNOYED AT HIM BECAUSE HIS LAST STOP WAS SCHEDULED AS IRAEL. (SUBSEQUENTLY A STOP AT JORDAN WAS ADDED TO ITINERARY). WHILE THE BUG-A-BOO OF CONSISTENCY WOULD CONTINUE TO HAUNT MEXICO, POSTPONEMENT FOR A YEAR WOULD GIVE TIME FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FUZZ MATTERS SOMEWHAT AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR MEXICO EVEN TO CHANGE ITS POSITION WITHOUT THE "INCONSISTENCY" SEEMING SO GLARING.

5. RECOMMENDATION: EARNESTLY URGE THAT BOTH DEPARTMENT AND USUN USE GREAT DISCRETION AND SELF-RESTRAINT REGARDING OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MEXICANS ON THIS ISSUE. SIMILAR DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED IN THE ENSUING CONVERSATIONS IF INDEED WE ARE TO HAVE A NEGATIVE MEXICAN VOTE NEXT YEAR, IF THE VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT WINS.
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